



**NEW ZEALAND
O'PEN CUP 2016**
18th - 20th March
Nelson Yacht Club

2016 New Zealand O'pen Cup

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Organising Authority:
New Zealand International O'pen BIC Class
Association

In conjunction with
Nelson Yacht Club

Venue
Nelson Yacht Club

322 Wakefield Quay, Stepneyville, Nelson 7010, New Zealand

NOTICE OF RACE

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1 RULES

1.1 Gold Fleet

- (a) The regatta will be governed as defined in ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016.
- (b) The O'pen BIC Class 2015 ISAF approved amended version of addendum Q allowing umpiring on the water for races will apply for all races (Attachment 1).
- (c) RRS Appendix P, Immediate Penalties for breaking Rule 42, will apply according with limitations provided in the Class Rules (attachment 2).
- (d) The Yachting New Zealand Regulations Part 1 shall apply (Attachment 3).
- (e) Class Rule C5.1 (i) is amended to make the carrying of a tow rope mandatory. The tow rope shall be a minimum diameter of 7mm and 5 meters in length with a 150mm loop in the end. It is to be affixed to the mast and bow handle and stowed such that it is ready for towing.

1.2 Silver Fleet

- (a) The regatta will be governed as defined in ISAF Introductory Rules for Racing (Attachment 4).

1.3 All boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

2 ADVERTISING

2.1 Advertising is permitted as per Class Rules.

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3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 The ISAF Eligibility Code will apply.

3.2 The regatta is open to boats of the O'pen BIC class that meet the following entry requirements:

- (a) All competitors must be a current member of their O'pen BIC National Class Association or the Open BIC Class Association and their National Sailing Federation and have the appropriate documentation available for inspection at registration.
- (b) Competitors may enter for one of the following Divisions:
Division
U13 Division
U16 Division
U19 Division

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Proof of age may be required to be presented at the on-site registration.

- (c) All competitors shall use either 3.8m or 4.5 sail.

- 3.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the Entry form on-line as outlined in **19** below by the required date.

All entries made with charter boats are on a first served basis, and then entered using the sail number TBA. Actual sail numbers will be assigned upon the receipt of the charter boats and on-site event registration.

All entries when confirmed will be displayed on the event website. Inclusion on this notice can be considered as acceptance of entry

- 3.4 Late entries will be accepted up until 1000 hrs on Friday 18th March.

4 FEES

- 4.1 The fees are as follows:

The entry fee is **\$30.00** per boat up until 1000 Friday 11th March 2016.

Entry fees **must** be paid online by credit card via the link supplied in **19** below.

- 4.2 Charter Boat Fees:

The fee for a complete boat (with 4.5 sail) will be **\$80**.

Charter boats and sails will be allocated by the New Zealand International O'pen BIC Class Association and **must** be paid in full, at time of registration. Payment will be accepted by online entry only.

Charter boats will be available from Friday 18th March 2016 at 0900 hrs.

- 4.3 Each entrant will also be charged the following additional fees to cover the costs of the on-line entry system.

- (a) \$1.10 per entrant.
(b) 2.75% of the entrant's total transaction value.

- 4.4 An electronic sign-on/sign-off system may be used by the Organizing Authority for the regatta. If so a radio frequency wrist band will be issued to each competitor upon completion of registration. In this case there will be a **\$5.00** refundable deposit payable at registration that will be returned when the wrist band is handed in at the end of the regatta.

5 SCHEDULE

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- 5.1 Registration will take place on Friday the 18th March 2016 between 0900 hrs and 1100 hrs.
- 5.2 Measurement and Safety inspections may take place at any stage of the regatta.

5.3 **Schedule of events:**

Date	Time	Event
Friday 18 th March 2016	0900 - 1100 hrs	Registration & Charter pick
	1200 – 1700 hrs	On water activities (inc invitation race)
	1830 – 2030 hrs	Non official function – Dinner
Saturday 19 th March 2016	1000-1030	Coaching Clinic
	1100 hrs	On water activities (1155 first warning signal)
	ASAP after racing	Q & A's
	1730 hrs	NYC Evening function – BBQ on deck (free to competitors)
Sunday 20 th March 2016	1030 - 1100 hrs	Coaching Clinic
	1100 hrs	On water activities
	1530 hrs	Last possible warning signal
	1700 hrs	Prize giving - NYC

6 MEASUREMENTS

Each boat shall be in conformity with the Class Rules. Measurement checks of boats and competitors may be undertaken by the Race Committee at any time during the regatta.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available at registration. A copy may be posted to www.openbic.org.au on or after 15th March 2016.

8 VENUE

- 8.1 Attachment 5: shows the location of the club in relation to Nelson.
- 8.2 Attachment 6: shows the location of the sailing areas in relation to the club.

9 THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be as described in the Sailing Instructions.

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10 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1 Decisions of the jury will be final as provided in rule 70.5.

11 SCORING

- 11.1 The low point Scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply
- 11.2 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.3 (a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When from 4 to 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- (c) When 9 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

12 SUPPORT BOATS

- 12.1 All support and coach boats shall complete on-site registration at the Race Office.
- 12.2 Each coach/support boat is required to have a working VHF radio tuned into a frequency designated by the Race Committee and be available to act as a rescue boat as directed by the Race Committee if required.
- 12.3 Detailed instructions will be issued to Team Leaders/Coaches at the completion of registration and will be contained in the Sailing Instructions.
- 12.4 Details of how to register online are contained in 19 below.

13 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

14 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

- Gold Fleet:
 - Overall: 1st, 2nd, 3rd.
- Silver Fleet:
 - Overall: 1st, 2nd, 3rd.

15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. It is recommended that competitors should consider wearing helmets as protection against head strikes from the boom.

16 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of **\$10,000,000.00** per incident or the equivalent. Proof of insurance maybe required, **clearly indicating the person, the amount and the period of coverage**, at registration. All owners/competitors who sign the Entry Form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover.

17 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

In participating, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authorities, the Coordinating Authorities and the sponsors, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the said Event without compensation.

18 AMENDMENTS

Any amendments to this Notice of Race will be posted online on the Australian O'pen BIC Class website: www.openbic.org.au

19 REGISTRATION LINK

To register you can either click on the link to the Event website shown below if you are viewing this document as a soft copy or key it into your internet browser.

Link: www.openbic.org.au

20 FURTHER INFORMATION

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